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1. Hermann Kastner of the Eastern Zone LDP told Otto Nuschke on 27 March 1949 that the Soviets are opposed to the latter's plan to exploit western frontier adjustments by a special meeting of the People's Council (Volksrat).

2. On 28 March, Wilhelm Pieck, Nuschke, and Walter Ulbricht held a meeting at which Ulbricht stated that the Soviets are afraid that such a campaign would draw attention to the Oder-Neisse line. The Eastern Zone is in a difficult economic position which has been rendered more acute by the counter-blockade, and the Soviets are relying on the cooperation of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

3. A German-Polish economic pact is under discussion but it has been retarded by Polish distrust of all German political groups and their doubtful attitude towards the Oder-Neisse line. Any East German protest, although directed against the West, is likely to have unfavorable repercussions. A meeting of Poles and SED representatives, including Pieck, is to be held at Frankfurt/Oder to demonstrate German-Polish friendship and to deny rumors that 400,000 Germans are to return to Czechoslovakia.

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